



**Minutes of the
ALAMEDA FREE LIBRARY BOARD MEETING
March 10, 2010**

The regular meeting of the Alameda Free Library Board was called to order at 6:10 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mike Hartigan, President
Gail Wetzork, Board Member
Suzanne Whyte, Board Member

Absent: Karen Butter, Vice President
Kristy Perkins, Board Member

Staff: Jane Chisaki, Library Director
Marsha Merrick, Recording Secretary

CONSENT CALENDAR

An asterisk indicates items so accepted or approved on the Consent Calendar.

- A. *Report from the Library Director Highlighting Activities for March 2010. Accepted.
- B. *Draft Minutes of the Regular Library Board Meeting of February 10, 2010. Approved.
- C. *Library Services Report for the Month of January 2010. Accepted.
- D. *Financial Report Reflecting FY10 Expenditures by Fund for February 2010. Accepted.
- E. *Bills for Ratification for the Month of February 2010. Approved.

There were no comments, so President Hartigan asked for a motion to accept the Consent Calendar as presented. Member Wetzork so moved, Member Whyte seconded the motion which carried by a 3-0 vote.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS, NON-AGENDA (Public Comment)

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Neighborhood Library Improvement Project (G. Wetzork)

Director Chisaki introduced art consultant Regina Almaguer, who in turn introduced artists Debey Zito and Terry Schmitt. They had brought more detailed pictures of their proposed artwork for the West End, as well as a color palette of the wood that will be used in their piece.

Member Whyte was very pleased with the additional detailing. Laurie Kozisek confirmed with the artist that the piece would weigh considerably less than 400 pounds total, and will be made up of separate sections. Member Whyte moved to approve the final design; President Hartigan seconded the motion which carried by a 3-0 vote.

Director Chisaki introduced Alyson Yaris of Noll & Tam who had brought exterior color samples for both the West End and Bay Farm branches. For West End, the building would be painted white, and the trim colors presented were green or red. Everyone was in agreement that the red would be a better choice. For Bay Farm, there was a gray option and also a yellow and green option. The majority of the room agreed that both were boring, and asked that additional color schemes be presented that had a little more pizzazz. Yaris will e-mail alternate color schemes to Director Chisaki who will send them out to the group.

The bid opening had been done the previous day; 14 bids had been received. The low was 1.2 million and the high was 1.6 million. The estimate had been 1.4 million, which turned out to be the average of all the bids.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Alameda Free Library Foundation (J. Chisaki)

Director Chisaki said that the Foundation is working on naming opportunities for the branches with the Friends. The “Live @ the Library” concerts are coming back this fall. The proceeds from the last series netted \$8,400; the Library will get \$4,200 of the total.

B. Friends of the Alameda Free Library (M. Lambert)

Marc Lambert was absent, but had sent a few comments to Director Chisaki. Urging people to renew their membership now, it will get them free entrance to the first night of the upcoming book sale, May 7-9 at the Alameda Point O’Club. It was also requested that people not donate damaged books, so please spread the word on that.

C. Patron Suggestions/Comments (Speak-Outs) and Library Director’s Response

None.

LIBRARY BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

President Hartigan asked Laurie Kozisek when the bid review would be completed. Kozisek responded that it would be complete by the following Monday, and would go to Council for their okay on April 6. Construction will start 1-2 weeks later. Director Chisaki said the West End would close the following Saturday, and gave the timeline for the move-out. Member Whyte inquired whether each branch would have their own “grand re-opening” ceremony/celebration and Chisaki confirmed this.

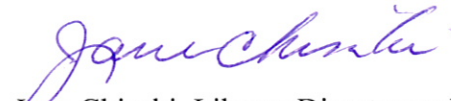
DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

The branch project and the book dispensing machine acquisition are both moving forward. The City is trying to get the budget approved by Council. It will be a rollover from last year with perhaps some minimal increases. Chisaki had told the Interim City Manager about what the School Resource program had been accomplishing and she seemed very pleased.

ADJOURNMENT

President Hartigan asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 p.m. Member Whyte so moved; Member Wetzork seconded the motion which carried by a 3-0 vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Jane Chisaki, Library Director and
Secretary to the Alameda Free Library Board